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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, EAID, EINV, ET

SUBJECT: US ACTION ON EXPROPRIATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS:  
ABSTENTION ON IDA GRAIN STORAGE LOAN

REF: ADDIS 1583

1. US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DID ABSTAIN ON LOAN.

2. TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QTE IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERN-  
MENT EXPROPRIATED 12 US COMPANIES. DURING THIS PERIOD,  
THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF  
THESE CLAIMS.

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WE ARE ABSTAINING ON THIS LOAN RATHER THAN VOTING QTE  
NO QTE BECAUSE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS JUST  
RECENTLY MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH ONE COMPANY, A STEP  
WHICH WE HOPE IS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS THAT WILL  
LEAD TO ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL COMPANIES AND LEAD  
TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE

UNITED STATES WILL VOTE QTE NO QTE ON THE NEXT IDLI LOAN  
IF ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ARE  
NOT UNDERWAY AT THAT TIME. UNQTE

3. FYI: UK ABSTAINED ON EXPROPRIATION GROUNDS. WHILE  
THE DUTCH, ITALIAN AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT  
ABSTAIN, THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER OUTSTANDING CLAIMS  
AND PRAISED THE BANK'S MANAGEMENT FOR RAISING THE EXPRO-  
PRIATION ISSUE WITH THE EPMG. VANCE

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